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CARR TO HEAD NEW STAKE MISSION

The responsibility for active missionary work within the San Francisco Stake was laid upon the Stake Presidency by Elder David O. McKay of the Council of Twelve Apostles, during his visit here early in February. In company with Pres. Alonzo A. Hinckley of the California Mission, Elder McKay, after a tour of the Mission, made sweeping changes in the San Francisco District. All the missionaries, except one, were transfered to other districts, while two were brought here from other fields.

Under the new plan, the missionaries, two Elders and two lady missionaries, will carry on the work outside the bounds of the Stake, as included in the San Francisco district.

Charles C. Carr

Following the instructions of Elder McKay, the Stake Presidency organied a Stake Mission Feb. 14 to carry forward this active missionary work. Chas. C. Carr of the High Council was chosen Mission President, with Pres. Sidney P. Kelly and Pres. Edgar E. Morgenegg of the Seventies Quorum, as his counselors. Members of the Seventies Quorum will be called into active service as Stake missionaries, doing tracting, visiting, holding cottage meetings and carrying on regular missionary work, during evenings and when not employed. It is expected that each missionary so called, will spend from six to ten hours every week in active field work. Districts will be organized with presidents to preside and direct the work in each field. Reports and records will be kept of all activities. The Stake Mission will work in close harmony with Pres. Hinckley and the California Mission.

Elder Wesley F. Barton from Reno is the new President of the San Francisco district, Pres. Newel F. Wasden going to Reno. Other transfers of missionaries are:

David Broadbent to Reno; Robt. J. McMillan to Sacramento; Myron Walker to Fresno; W. D. Turner to Los Angeles and Elder Agaard to Long Beach. Geo. H. Mendenhall will labor in the San Francisco district with Pres. Barton.

The present economic conditions which have thinned the ranks of the missionaries in the field, made necessary the changes in this great Church labor. Hundreds of worthy men and women, financially unable to fill a mission to a foreign field, under the new plan, will now have the experience of real missionary service. The new plan offers great possibilities, and the Church authorities feel that thousands of honest hearted people, living within the Stakes, will be brought into the church. "Thus will the Gospel be preached. He that is warned will warn his neighbor."

"Within the next week" says Pres. Carr, "we expect to submit to the Stake Presidency the names of men and women recommended by their bishops to be called as missionaries. Active work will be launched as soon as they are set apart for this important calling."

A CALL FOR MISSIONARIES

(Note—The following letter from the First Presidency is self explanatory. The call for missionaries is urgent. Bishops please report.)

Pres. W. Aird Macdonald and Counselors,
San Francisco Stake.
Dear Brethren:

Due to the economic condition, there has been a marked decrease in the number of brethren and sisters recommended for missions which has greatly reduced our forces in the various fields.

Kindly request your Bishops to make a survey of the wards and recommend, at an early date, young men and women who are worthy and qualified to enter into this important and sacred service and who are physically strong and in a position financially to fill a Mission.

Each prospective missionary is to be personally interviewed by the Bishop as well as the President of the Stake, and a statement is to be enclosed with the Missionary recommendation and examination form signed by the President of the Stake to the effect that he has interviewed the person and recommends him as worthy and prepared to embark into this service.

Some families may not be in a position to furnish the full amount necessary to maintain a missionary, but are able to supply part. We hope, in such cases, that the Priesthood quorums and families who do not have sons and daughters in the Mission Field will arrange to pay the additional amount.

We trust that the different wards may suggest a goodly number of worthy men and women missionaries as the need is so urgent in the various fields.

If any of the wards are not supplied with recommendation or examination forms, please advise this office so that the same may be mailed to them.

Praying the Lord to direct you in this important matter,
Sincerely your brethren,
(Signed) HEBER J. GRANT
A. W. IVINS
First Presidency

Salt Lake City, Utah
February 20, 1932

DEATH TAKES HYRUM G. SMITH, PATRIARCH

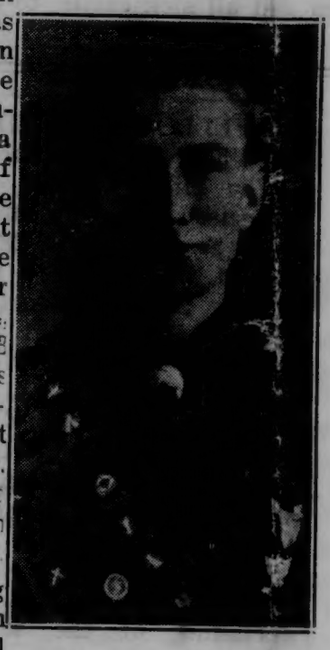
Hyrum Gibbs Smith, Presiding Patriarch of the Church, died in Salt Lake City, Feb. 4, 1932. Death came unexpectedly, although the Patriarch had been ill for nearly a year. He is survived by a wife and five children.

Patriarch Smith, 53 years of age, was born in South Jordan in 1879, and is the fourth in direct line from Joseph Smith Sr. the first Patriarch. He was the grandson of John Smith, patriarch for forty years, from days of Brigham Young. In 1912, at the age of 32, he was recalled from Los Angeles to be Presiding Patriarch, where he was engaged in the practice of dentistry. During his occupancy of his high office, he gathered thousands of records, systemized and modernized the work of the patriarchs of the Church. His high sense of responsibility, humility and spirituality, made him beloved by all who knew him.

His death is a distinct loss to the Church. Four of the General authorities have died since last April Conference—Pres. Rey L. Pratt, Apostle Orson F. Whitney, Pres. Chas. W. Nibley, and the Patriarch.

STAKE'S SECOND EAGLE SCOUT

Ward Hall Jr., 15 was made an "Eagle Scout" January 22 at a Court of Honor by the Berk. Scout council. He is a member of Troop 24 and has 23 merit badges earned during the past three years. This troop boasts ten eagle scouts.



Young Hall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hall, is an active teacher of Berkeley Ward. He is the second member of the Stake to win the coveted honor of "Eagle" in Boy Scout work. The first "Eagle" was Jack Fitzpatrick of Dimond, now serving in the French Mission.

Congratulations, Ward! San Francisco Stake is proud of your splendid accomplishments.

STAKE RADIO

Broadcast over Station KTAB every Sunday Afternoon, 1 to 1:30.

Hear Prof. I. B. Ball—"the missionary of the air"—discuss Gospel topics.

Tell your friends to listen in.

ALAMEDA ORGANIZED AS A NEW BRANCH

Alameda was organized as an independent branch by the Stake Presidency, Sunday, Feb. 28 in the Native Sons' Hall on Park St. More than a hundred Saints residing in the "Encinal City' were present, a large majority voting for a separate organization. A few scattering voted to remain as part of the Oakland ward. Leo H. Crandall was chosen Branch President, with Royal W. Goodfellow and William N. Clayson, counselors, and Sherrill Shurtleff, clerk.

A Sunday School was first organized in Alameda in Feb. 1925 with Jos. B. J. Hawkley as superintendent, with Stanley Allen and J. Z. Richardson as assistants and John Hawkley as secretary, with about thirty members. Now there are about 150 Church members in Alameda.

The following were sustained as officers in the auxiliaries:

Sunday School: Garney V. Johnston, supt. with Kenneth Exerett, First Assistant, and Dorothy Everett, secretary. Another assistant to be chosen later.

Relief Society: Katie C. Hunt, president, with Ann Tuttle and Sadie B. Everett, counselors and Marie Meuter, secretary.

Primary: LuRilda Tolman Seavers, supt. with Edna Burke and Evelyn Richardson, assistants and Blanche B. Crandall, secretary.

The Oakland Ward Bishopric were present and assisted the Stake Presidency in effecting the new organization. The new Branch Presidency are enthusiastic and earnest and promise to make the larger wards step to keep pace with them.

No M. I. A. organizations will be effected until next season.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Naomi Marchant became the bride of Ronald A. Cheney, when they slipped quietly into the Stake Presidency's office after the Stake Priesthood meeting last Saturday night, Feb. 27. Pres. Eugene Hilton performing the ceremony that united this popular young couple.

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Marchant of Elmhurst. The groom is a brother of former Bishop Cheney of Elmhurst. Both are active M. I. A. workers—the activity leaders of the Gleaners and M. Men of their ward. Their many friends throughout the Stake extend congratulations and best wishes for happiness.

SAN JOSE VISITORS

Clyde W. Lindsay, former member of the Stake Presidency, and a group of Sunday School workers from San Jose, attended the union meeting in Oakland, Feb. 28. Pres. Lindsay is now superintendent of the missionary district Sunday schools. With him were Vernon L. Beckstrand, W. E. Jordan, Fred Busse and J. C. Crandall.

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1

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WOMEN—AND CIGARETS!

Here's evidence for the "Word of Wisdom" from an unexpected quarter—Hollywood. The wealth and fame of the movies attract the most beautiful and clever women of all lands. Here, then, she should be the most lovely—the most charming. Perhaps no writer is better known in Hollywood, or enjoys the intimate confidences of more real screen stars than does Adele Rogers St. John of the Hearst newspapers. Here's a stinging indictment against cigarets and "lovely women" who use them by a noted woman, herself addicted to their use. In a daily column, "Looking at Life," in the San Francisco Examiner, Feb. 13, 1932 she says:

"The use of cigars and cigarets fell off considerably in 1931, according to the report of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

"Personally, I have never been able to see anything wrong with smoking cigarets, either morally or eugenically. What is the difference morally between smoking a cigaret and eating a piece of candy? For years, I used to try to discover how, where and why cigarets came under any moral ban.

"It breaks no commandment. It transgresses no law laid down by the great Lawgiver. There is nothing murderous, adulterous, thieving, envious, uncharitable nor vicious about puffing on a little roll of paper and tobacco. It leads to no insane acts, as liquor does.

"Just the same, I wish I didn't smoke and I hope my daughter won't. Because it's such a dirty habit.

"No woman who smokes can ever be really dainty, no matter how much time and money she spends in beauty parlors. No expensive perfume can kill that horrid, faint odor of tobacco that clings to a woman's hair. Teeth, breath and fingers all reek of tobacco. Lovely negligees and gowns give forth a staleness under the perfume. There are, besides, always ashes and cigaret stubs around and I know of nothing more unromantic, more unpleasant.

"No woman who smokes can ever be really sweet and clean.

"It's not an immoral habit nor an unhealthy one. But it is certainly a filthy one."

And the Lord said, Feb. 27, 1833:

"And again, tobacco is not for the body, neither for the belly, and is not good for man, but is an herb for bruises and all sick cattle, to be used with judgement and skill."—D & C 89:8.

WARD TEACHING

The following letter from the Presiding Bishopric is a challenge to every ward teacher in this stake. We hope they will answer it in true California style:

"In the examination of bulletin No. 184 you have no doubt noticed that you are in a lower class for ward teaching for the month of January. Your average being 48 while the Church average is 77 for that month. It is needless for us to point out to you the importance of the regular monthly visit of the ward teachers to every family in your stake.

"May we suggest that you take the subject of ward teaching up with your stake officers and bishoprics and mutually work for a material increase in the number of families visited each month. We hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing an increased percentage of visits for the month of February and thereafter."

SEVENTIES PARTY

A "get-acquainted" party was given by the Seventies, Friday, Feb. 12 in the Dimond chapel. All members of the quorum with their wives and friends were invited, and there was a goodly attendance from various wards of the Stake. A program was rendered, refreshments served and dancing enjoyed by all.

This is the first social given by the priesthood quorums to develope quorum consciousness and was a success in every way.

DISFELLOWSHIPPED

To Whom It May Concern:

The High Council of the San Francisco Stake by unanimous action, Sunday, Feb. 28, 1932, affirmed and sustained the decision of the Bishop's Court of Sunset Ward of Dec. 15, 1931, in disfellowshipment of Joseph Norman Keaton, for un-Christianlike conduct as a member and Elder of the Church. Complaint having been made by Mrs. A. M. Keaton, wife, and F. J. and Norman F. Keaton, sons of said Keaton.

By this action, Keaton is proscribed from use of his priesthood, partaking of the sacrament or other Church activity, except the attendance at meetings; until restitution and full amends have been made to said Bishop's court.

(Signed) REED S. GARDNER
Stake Clerk

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 28, 1932.

FAST OFFERINGS

In the current bulletin issued by the Presiding Bishopric is the following:

"The San Francisco Stake has shown a consistent increase in the Fast Offerings donated by the members of that stake, during the past four years. The per capita fast offering per year has increased during that period from 39c to 57c. The number who paid fast offerings has increased steadily from 660 in 1928 to 1,021 in 1931. In effect, with an increase of membership of 11 percent there has been an increase in the number paying fast offerings of 55 percent.

"The principle of fasting and fast offerings is being presented by the ward teachers to the families of that stake during February."

Then follows the editorial in last month's Messenger—the ward teacher's topic.

Priesthood Quorums

STAKE PRIESTHOOD

The regular monthly Stake Priesthood meeting will be held Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p. m. at Oakland Chapel. All members of the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthoods requested to be present.

HIGH PRIESTS' SOCIAL

What has become of the High Priests' Social postponed from last December?

JEWS AND JUDIASM

The history and decay of the Jew and Judiasm was the topic discussed before the Stake Priesthood meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27 by Pres. Cyrus L. Clarke of the Elders' quorum. Tracing the gradual departure from the once virile Judiasm, which once was to be preached to the whole world, Clark declared that today liberal Judiasm was only an example to the world. Not even regarded by the Jews themselves, as a universal religion, but one only for the Jews. They have ceased to regard the old testament as the word of God. It is only man's concept of God's handdealings—while the Book of Job is regarded as a fairy tale. The Talmud, with its thousands of interpretations gathered through the centuries, has made Judiasm flexible to new situations. Thus has the law of Judah been changed. Even the Messiah hopes have waned. A great king is not expected—but now a spiritual ruler.

Mormonism, too, said Clarke, must adjust itself to new conditions and situations. But the adjustments must be merely additions and not changes in fundamental law. Our changes will come by revelation, which will avoid the errors that have come to Judiasm. The Jew has been altering his religion to fit his situation. "Shall our religion follow the same path?" queried the speaker, "shall our Church be set and firm, or free and open to fit new conditions of the future?"

Then followed a half hour of free discussion, that was interesting and illuminating. It proved to be one of the most absorbing subjects yet treated in these monthly Priesthood sessions.

BISHOPRIC REORGANIZED

John C. Stirrat, first counselor to Bishop Jacobs of Oakland ward, was released Feb. 14. Because of personal affairs, Stirrat requested his release. The Bishopric was then reorganized with Ralph B. Jordan as first counselor and A. Eldon Rex as second counselor to Bishop Jacobs. Jos. T. Carruth was also released as "ward treasurer." "The Bishop is charged with the responsibility of the funds of the ward," explained Pres. Macdonald, "and there is no other treasurer in Church organization." Both Elders Stirrat and Carruth have labored earnestly and faithfully in the ward.

GENEALOGY

A stake Genealogy Convention was held Sunday, Feb. 14, Oakland chapel, with a representative from Salt Lake who gave needed instructions. Elder Smith's delineation of the Book of Remembrance was interesting and aroused much interest. The attendance and interest at the three sessions bespeak it as the most successful convention yet held here. With the added insight into the importance of this work and the opportunities it affords, renewed impetus to carry on has been given.

To further serve interested workers, the Stake Committee have arranged another treat for the next union meeting, March 13. Prof. Leonard Wilson, noted genealogist from London, will lecture and answer questions, technical concerning all phases of research work. Prof. Wilson is giving an extension course in Genealogy through the University of California. This is a rare opportunity. Bring your friends. Be there.

Marriages

Margaret Ardele Lesh and Paul Walter Heder of Berkeley, married Feb. 23 at bride's home in San Francisco by President Macdonald.

Edith Hansen and Harry Bliem Haste were married Feb. 20 by Bishop Carl Kjar of Sunset.

Naomi Marchant and Ronald A. Cheney of Elmhurst were married Feb. 27 by Pres. Eugene Hilton.

Helen Jensen and Vernon C. Bennke of San Francisco were married Feb. 6 by Bishop Nalder.

Births

A DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Merrick E. Munzer of San Francisco, January 29.

Deaths

PETERSON. Carl Edwin, 78, former Ogden Bishop, ex-President of Swedish Mission, died Feb. 16 of appoplexy, at Berkeley home.

FULLMER, Collins D. W., 76, Seventy of Berkeley, died Feb. 27. Funeral services, Feb. 29. A former resident of Logan, Utah.

LAMOREAUX. Nora Black, 52, wife of Vaughan T. Lamoreaux, former leader of Dimond choir. Died in Ogden, Feb. 9, after 2 years illness.

FISHER, William, 68, of Dimond, Feb. 4, of heart failure. Former resident of Utah and Idaho. Came to Oakland 12 years ago. Funeral services in Dimond chapel Feb. 6.

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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

RELIEF SOCIETY

Congratulations to Burlingame, San Francisco and Richmond. One Hundred percent of their members have subscribed for the Magazine. Next month we hope to report several other wards "Over the Top."

Annual Relief Society conferences were held in Elmhurst, Balboa and Burlingame, Sunday, Feb. 28.

That Story! Time now to complete it. All Relief Society members are eligible for the contest. Be sure yours is finished by April 15.

Awards: 1st prize, "Twenty-five Finest Short Stories," by O'Brien. 2nd prize, "Great Short Stories of the World," by Clark and Leibner. Honorable mention will be made of stories making third and fourth places.

The Stake Relief Society will pay further tribute to the beautiful life of the Father of our Country by planting a flowering tree on the shore of Lake Merritt, Oakland.

Ruth S. Hilton of the Stake Board is visiting her sister's family in Woodruff, Arizona.

In response to a request from the National Council of Women the Relief Society officers have been busy the past ten days securing the signatures of members to a petition which will be sent to all foreign governments. This petition, signed by one million of the organized Womanhood of America, requests that delegates be sent to the International Congress of Women to be held at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933. Our Relief Society is a charter member of the National Council.

Five societies, Dimond, San Francisco, Mission, Sunset, and Elmhurst report 100 percent visiting teaching last month. Good work. A decided improvement.

PRIMARY

A member has been added to our State Board—we are fortunate in having Bernice Peterson as our new Secretary.

The Primary Luncheon served at Stake Conference January 24, was a great success—thanks to everyone who attended.

Play meetings were held at Oakland, February 6, and at San Francisco, February 13. The attendance was good.

A delightful afternoon was spent by the Stake Board members at the home of LaPrele Moody, Monday, February 8.

We are just finishing a very successful quarter of our Primary Conference. Attention all of you Primary workers! Union Meetings will be held March 27 in the Oakland Chapel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Claude H. Adams has been honorably released as first assistant to the Stake Superintendent. Brother Adams has been a member of the board for almost three years and has served faithfully—first as an instructor and for the last year in the superintendency. It is regreted that his law work does not permit him to continue in the Stake work.

A. S. Millward has been chosen second assistant and Theodore Martin has been advanced to first assistant. Brother Millward has been a loyal member of the board and merits this increased responsibility and calling.

It was decided to award 18 points instead of 15 to the following Sunday schools, if all officers and teachers are present at Union meeting. San Francisco, Sunset, Balboa, Mission, Richmond, Walnut Creek and Martinez. The extra effort to attend union meeting which must be made by these schools, justifies the extra points.

Walnut Creek scored first place for February, with 92 points. Elmhurst was second. These "dark horses" slipped by the "favorites," San Francisco and Dimond. In fact several schools were bunched dangerously near the top, to the surprise of all. Congratulations, Walnut Creek. Hold high that banner!

M. I. A.

M. I. A. Union meeting, Sunday, March 13, 2:30 p. m. Oakland Chapel. Be there!

Contest Program:

Ward Honor Night, March 29.

Stake Semi Finals:

East Bay, March 31: Music, Public Speaking, Story Telling. April 5: Drama, Dancing.

West Bay, April 1: Drama, Dancing. April 4: Music, Public Speaking, Story Telling.

Stake Honor Nights, April 7 and 8!

RECREATIONAL

The Annual Field Day on May 30—Decoration Day—will be held as usual in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. This year, the program will be built around the Washington Bicentennial celebration. Committees are already at work. Surprises are promised.

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COMFORT—IN THE HOUR OF SORROW!

Mrs. Rena Schipper,
Oakland, California.
Dear Sister Schipper:

My heart goes out to you in deep sympathy on account of the death of your husband. I pray that the Lord may bless and comfort you and your family in this time of sorrow. I was pleased that I could be present and speak at his funeral.

I am sure you must have consolation in the fact that Bishop Schipper so faithfully performed his duties in the Church and that he has earned all the promises made to those who serve the Lord in righteousness and truth unto the end.

I am always grateful for the Gospel of Jesus Christ but never so much so as when death enters the family circle and takes therefrom a beloved member, as it is in the Gospel alone that we have hope of the resurrection and a happy reunion with out loved ones in the life to come. I do not think of the members of my family who have passed away—my wives, my sons and my daughter—as being in the grave but I do contemplate the happiness they are experiencing in having gained eternal life.

Many years ago I wrote a letter of sympathy to Brother and Sister Winters (Brother Winters is my wife's brother) in which I tell of the goodness of the Lord to me when trials have been my portion, and I am sending you a copy of this letter with the sincere prayer that as you read it you too may receive the sweet influence that came to me when I was in sorrow.

Sister Grant and I do not send flowers to our friends when they are in sorrow but instead thereof we send books, as they last so much longer. I am sending you some books in the hope you may find words of consolation in them.

May the peaceful influence that comes from the Lord alone be and abide with you and your loved ones, is my earnest prayer.

Sincerely your brother,
(Signed) H. J. Grant

January 19, 1932

GREEN AND GOLD BALL

The Eastbay "Green and Gold Ball" is scheduled for Friday, March 25 in the Persian Gardens Ballroom, Oakland. The Recreation Committee promise it to surpass any party yet held in the Stake. In this most beautiful ball room, every detail will be arranged to make it an event long to be remembered. One feature of the evening will be the exhibition of this year's M. I. A. Contest dance. Chairman Manton Moody says it will be the "crowning event of the year."

Said a friend the other day:
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Several hundred couples from all parts of the Stake attended the annual Green and Gold Ball for the West Bay, at the Fairmount Hotel ball room, Friday, Feb. 26. It was a splendid affair, enjoyed by young and old. Beautiful gowns gave a colorful effect and the cool roof garden pool attracted the dancers for a refreshing pause between numbers. It was a romantic night for the young people of the Stake, and they conducted themselves in a most creditable manner. These Stake parties have set a high mark in recreation, much to the credit of the M. I. A.

BALBOA

Bee-Hive Girls entertained for Mr. J. G. Robinson.

Sylvia Evans has returned from Los Angeles where she has been employed for the last six months.

The Relief Society, in accordance with the General Board program, held a "tree planting" ceremony on the grounds of the Daly City Hall.

Mrs. Lilia Barstow is visiting with friends in Los Angeles.

Norman and Hector Sadler are visiting their parents n Ogden, Utah.

Miss Sylvia Evans and William Irwin spent the recent holidays at Truckee, enjoying the snow.

The ward Mushroom supper and dance held Feb. 10 was a splendid success.

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NEWS FROM THE WARDS

MISSION

The Primary presented a series of interesting missionary sketches in their program, Jan. 31.

Fourteen members of the Relief Society held a surprise luncheon at the home of Mrs. N. P. Miller, Feb. 25th. Through illness she has been confined to her home for many months.

A Washington Bicentenary program featured the evening services, Sunday, Feb. 21, with John Y. Smith as the principle speaker. The Stake presidency were present and made brief remarks.

The M Men basketball team won the Stake Championship, Feb. 19 when hey defeated the Dimond ward team, winners of the Eastbay. Our team was never defeated during the entire season. The final scores were 30-19 and 25-18. A large crowd from the Eastbay attended the games to cheer for victory, but the teamwork of the Missions boys was too much for them. Proud? Sure!

RICHMOND

Pres. Ethel Deitliker of the Primary is visiting in Utah where she was called by the illness of her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Evans, active M. I. A. workers, have moved to Salt Lake City.

The M. I. A. sponsored a most successful party Feb. 23, commemorating the bicentenary of Washington. A program, supper, plays and dancing provided a most delightful evening, for a large crowd.

Arthur L. Hopkins of the Bishopric has been confined to his home through illness.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 marked the largest M. I. A. meeting ever held in Richmond ward, when 56 percent of the adult membership was present.

Pres. Jennie Bradeson of the Relief Society has returned from a hurried trip to Salt Lake to attend the funeral of her brother.

OAKLAND

The Primary scored Sunday evening, Feb. 28, when they presented a sacred Book of Mormon pageant and tableaux. A stage and settings had been constructed in the organ loft with beautiful lighting effects which with the delightful singing and chanting of the children in national costumes of other lands, presented a program not soon to be forgotten. For the staging and effects, credit goes to Robert Sant.

Mrs. Ada Goodrich entertained the M Men basketball team and Gleaner girls at an old fashioned "candy pull."

Mrs. Agnes Stockdale of Stockton was a recent guest of Edna Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, Eloise Sims and Kenneth McComas spent the Washington holiday at Yosemite, playing in the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Rex entertained Mr. and Mrs. David Shepherd of Stanford during the holiday.

Frank M. Tidwell has returned after a year gold mining in Arizona.

SAN FRANCISCO

George Peterson of Ogden died recently following an operation at a local hospital, leaving a wife and two children.

Helen Jensen and Vernon C. Behnke were married Feb. 6 by Bishop Nalder at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rasmine Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrick E. Munger announce the birth of a daughter Jan. 29.

A successful Gleaner Girl party was given Feb. 12. It was a Leap Year party, with a one-act play presented prior to the dancing.

Mrs. Leona Burnham is slowly recovering from a serious illness.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Danile D. Parker recently underwent a serious operation. Recovering nicely.

The dramatic reading by Mrs. Kathryn M. Northrup Feb. 20 was a delightful literary treat enjoyed by a large attendance.

Bishop and Mrs. Nalder and family spent the holiday week with relatives and friends in Los Angeles.

SUNSET

Sunday Evening Programs

March 6—M. I. A. Conjoint. Speakers, Edwin H. Lee, Zula Backenhus. Scripture Reading, Alma Witherspoon. Vocal Solo, Genevieve Thornton. Male Quartette, accompanied by Luna Hansen.

March 13—Relief Society Conference and Pageant.

March 20—Members of Stake High Council, speakers.

March 27—Special Easter Services. Speakers J. Blaine Cory and Sister Jessie Clawson. Vocal Solo, Vern I. Terry.

On February 14, our Primary Superintendency was reorganized. Sisters Esther Kjar and Mae White were released as counselors. Sister Mae White was then sustained as first, and Sister Effie Jensen as second counselor to Supt. Gladys Winter.

The Relief Society has planted a Norwegian Maple at the home of Bishop Carl Kjar, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

We welcome to our Ward, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, from Utah.

George Saxton is home from a four months stay in the hospital. He is recovering from a serious accident.

During the regular Primary session on February 9, the children were treated to a Valentine party, which was much enjoyed.

Oswald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crowther, is confined in a local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. White have as their guests, Mrs. White's brother, Orville C. Johnson, wife and child from Ogden, Utah.

Dr. Alphonso O. Skancky since February 15, has been confined in a local hospital.

Harry Bliem Haste and Edith Hansen were united in marriage by Bishop Carl Kjar on Saturday, Feb. 20.

DIMOND

The Stake Dance held at Persian Gardens, Feb. 10, was a most successful affair. Dimond acted as host, and everybody enjoying a splendid evening.

Mrs. Nora Lamoreaux, former ward chorister, who has been ill for the past two years, died in Ogden, Feb. 9. She had many friends in Dimond, and a memorial service for her was held by the Relief Society, Feb. 11 at the ward chapel. Many tributes were paid to her noble character.

Mrs. Elias S. Woodruff, wife of the President of the Western States Mission, of Denver, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Willard H. Clarke.

A colonial costume ball, in honor of Washington, was held by the M. I. A. An enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the colorful affair.

A special program has been arranged for Conjoint next Sunday evening by the M. I. A. officers.

Dr. Ray L. Knight of Berkeley will lecture to the Adult class next Tuesday evening.

Bishop Robinson was a recent speaker at services in Modesto.

BURLINGAME

Arnold H. Ehlers and famliy have moved to San Francisco. While here Bro. Ehlers served as Supt. of the Sunday School and his wife served as Sunday School teacher and an officer in the Primary. Their excellent work was greatly appreciated by the branch.

Pres. Chas. Ohran has been suffering for several days from ptomaine poisoning.

The Sunday School has been reorganized with the following officers: Orson H. Taylor, Supt.; Walter C. Green, first asst.; and James Ostegar, second asst.

Mrs. Maurine Taylor, and a party of friends spent the week end, Feb. 20-22 at Yosemite.

Susie Merrill and Golda Ohran entertained the members of their Sunday School Class at a Valentine party Feb. 13.

Oliver C. Ostegar has been chosen as branch clerk.

James Ostegar has returned to his home in Idaho.

Mrs. Harriet Hill has been ill for several days, suffering from heart trouble.

BERKELEY

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Israelsen of Logan, Utah are spending the Winter in Berkeley.

The Relief Society enjoyed a special George Washington program under the direction of literary class leader, Mary Dunham, and Laverne Booth, Feb. 15. A duet, "Land of the Free" by Mamie Johnson and Laverne Booth, and a Colonial dance by little Mary Macdonald were specially featured.

Mrs. Clayton Parker, formerly of Berkeley Ward, but now living in San Francisco, visited with her sister, Mrs. Howard McDonald.

More than 50 children attended Primary Conference here, Feb. 14, wih a 100 percent representation of Teachers. The program, spontaneous and original, gave each child an opportunity to perform. Stake Supt. Alice Hicken, Wanda Chase, and Supt. Carrie Moses spoke briefly outlining the Primary work of the past months. A large attendance enjoyed the children's program.

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March 6—M. I. A. Conjoint. March 13—Boy Scout Court of Honor by Troop 8. March 20—Ward Relief Society Conference. March 27—Archer Willey and William F. Everett of the High Council will be the speakers.

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